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MISUSE OF DEPB SCHEME
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item under captioned `DRI unearthed a fishy scam` appearing in the `Statesman dated February 24, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein and the modus-operandi of the scam;

(c) whether the Government are aware that the exporters are grossly misusing the DEPB scheme; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the exporters involved in the misuse of DEPB scheme are booked ?

Answer

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MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a),(b),(c) & (d) Yes Sir. Directorate of Revenue Intelligence is investigating into exports of fish and fish products, wherein the exporters had availed higher DEPB benefit@ 10% and 4% respectively of FOB value ofexports, by resorting to mis-declaration regarding usage of chemicals/preservatives and source of procurement. As and when, any case of misuse/abuse of DEPB Scheme comes to notice, instructions are issued to all the field formations to keep strict watch and remain vigilant. DGRI has been issuing modus-operandi circulars from time to time to thwart attempts by unscrupulous exporters to avail unintended DEPB benefits.